

Halloween Family Fun Day at Woodburn: The Governor's Residence on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017

(DOVER, Del.—Oct. 16, 2017)—On Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., [Woodburn: The Governor's Residence](#), located at 151 Kings Highway S.W. in Dover, Del., will host “Halloween Family Fun Day at Woodburn.” The event is free and open to the public. Parking is available on surrounding streets. In the event of inclement weather, all activities will be cancelled. For additional information or for notification of cancellation, call 302-739-5656 or e-mail Woodburn@delaware.gov.



Woodburn: The
Governor's Residence

“Halloween Family Fun Day at Woodburn” will feature the following activities:

—Guided tours of Woodburn

Visitors will be guided through the public spaces of this

1798 home that has served as the official residence of Delaware's governors since 1965

-18th-century games

Guests will learn how children amused themselves in the 1700s including playing games like hoop and stick, graces, quoits, ninepins, and badminton; and enjoying the folk toys jacob's ladder and bilbo catcher

-Sachet making

Visitors can create their own scented sachet filled with herbs and spices

-Craft activities

Guests can decorate pumpkins; make a Tootsie-Roll-Pop spider, pumpkin or ghost; create a Halloween card or bookmark; make a pom-pom pencil; or decorate a Halloween mask

Woodburn is one of Delaware's most historic homes and an outstanding example of late-18th-century Georgian architecture. The house was built in 1798 by Charles Hillyard, III (1759–1814), a fourth-generation Delawarean from a family of affluent landowners who were frequently active in the governmental, social and economic life of Kent County. Woodburn has served as the home of Delaware's governor since it was purchased by the state in 1965. It was listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. The [Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs](#) has been responsible for the care and conservation of Woodburn since August 2009. The division's charge includes repair and maintenance of the building; design and upkeep of the property's garden and horticultural displays; and furnishing of the home.

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